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SUBJ: TRANSKEI COMMENTS ON US "TRAVEL BAN" ON TRANSKEI

REF: A. DURBAN 206, B. DURBAN 207

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ACCOUNTS RE ENTLY HAVE CREATED A CONFUSING PICTURE ON WHAT IS U.S. POLICY ON ADMISSION OF TRANSKEIANS TO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM NEW YORK CARRIED BY THE EAST LONDON DAILY DESPATCH, "TOP (U.S.) ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS" SAID ALL VISA APPLICATIONS FROM TRANSKEI CITIZENS WOULD BE REJECTED BECAUSE OF A NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA (SIC). ANOTHER UNNAMED U.S. OFFICIAL, ASKED ABOUT A PROPOSED U.S. VISIT BY A TRANSKEI OFFICIAL, REPORTEDLY SAID "THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO ARRIVE" AND ADDED THAT THE ONLY GROUNDS FOR ADMISSION OF TRANSKEIANS INTO U.S. WOULD BE INVITATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR OVERRIDING COMPASSIONATE REASONS.

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WM ASKED TO COMMENT ON FOREGOING, TRANSKEI FOREIGN MINISTER DIGBY KOYANA, SAID HE WAS UNCONCERNED BY THE REPORTS. HE SAID THE FACT THAT THE U.S. EXCLUDED TRANSKEI OFFICIALS WHO WERE NO LONGER PART OF AN APARTHEID STRUCTURE AND ADMITTED SAG OFFICIALS IS "INCREDIBLE LOGIC". HE FURTHER SAID THAT NO TOP TRANSKEI OFFICIALS WERE PLANNING TO GO TO THE U.S.

3. WE BELIEVE STORY INDICATES EITHER CONFUSION OR DELIBERATE DISTORTION ON PART OF THE TRANSKEI AS TO POSITION ON VISAS FOR TRANSKEI CITIZENS. GOT OFFICIAL SOCIKWA WAS TOLD ON TWO OCCASIONS BY CONGEN OFFICER THAT VISAS WOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO GOT OFFICIALS BUT THAT PRIVATE CITIZENS WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. (REF A).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: POST STILL IN NEED OF DEPARTMENTAL CONCURRENCE OR GUIDANCE ON QUESTION OF WRITTEN RESPONSE TO SOCIKWA VISA REQUEST (REF B). FYI: POST HAS BEEN TOLD BY A SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSMAN WHO COVERS TRANSKEI FROM UMTATA AND IS WELL-INFORMED ON PERSONALITIES IN THE TRANSKEI THAT HE CONSIDERS SOCIKWA TO BE, INTER ALIA, A BOSS INFORMER.
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